

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SUSTAINED RELEASE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING METFORMIN AND METHOD OF ITS PRODUCTION, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

☒ was filed on 02 October 2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/IB00/01404 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Filing Date)
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<u>PCT/IB00/01404</u> (Application Number)	<u>02 October 2000</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
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